



ERNIE FLETCHER  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2006-1298  
October 12, 2006

Secretary of State  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

**RELATING TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH ENERGY EFFICIENCY**  
**AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

*WHEREAS*, the executive branch of the Commonwealth owns a vehicle fleet of some 5,000 vehicles using almost 5 million gallons of gasoline annually, and

*WHEREAS*, if the Commonwealth purchases replacement vehicles that, on average, achieve a 10 percent improvement in fuel economy the Commonwealth will save an estimated 2 million gallons of gasoline by the year 2014; and

*WHEREAS*, increases in energy efficiency and utilization of domestically produced renewable resources can significantly reduce our dependence on imports of petroleum from unstable and unreliable sources; and

*WHEREAS*, the Commonwealth has an opportunity to enhance the research capability and increase the research capacity at the Commonwealth's publicly supported colleges; and

*WHEREAS*, research in biofuels has tremendous potential to benefit all Kentuckians in general and the agricultural sector in particular; and

*WHEREAS*, rate design is one of a number of factors that contribute to the success of energy efficiency programs; and

*WHEREAS*, well-designed energy efficiency programs are saving energy at an average cost of one-half to two-thirds of the typical cost of new power sources and about one-third of the cost of providing natural gas; and

*WHEREAS*, the price signals can encourage customers to consume less energy when energy is the most expensive to produce, procure, and deliver; and

*WHEREAS*, rate design offers opportunities to encourage customers to invest in efficiency where they find it to be cost-effective and to participate in new programs that provide innovative technologies to help customers control their energy costs.

***NOW THEREFORE, I***, Ernie Fletcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, under the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution, Sections 69 and 81, and the laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

- I. The Finance and Administration Cabinet to improve the fuel efficiency of Kentucky's transportation fleet by rightsizing and procuring more fuel-efficient/alternative-use replacement vehicles.



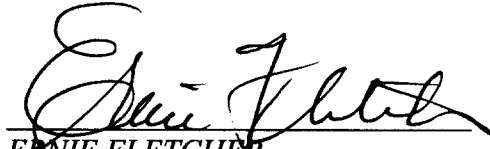
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- II. The Office of Energy Policy to commit \$1,000,000 during this biennium to the research, development, deployment and commercialization of renewable energy and energy efficient projects. This shall include a study of the net benefits of incentives for consumers to purchase Energy Star appliances.
- III. The Office of Energy Policy to produce a study analyzing the impact of incorporating energy efficiency as a goal of retail rate design.
- IV. The Office of Energy Policy to implement education programs for energy efficiency to reduce energy use and to reduce utility bills for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

  
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